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MERRIMACK HERITAGE COMMISSION MINUTES NOVEMBER 25, 2013

<u>ATTENDANCE</u>: Lynne Wenz, Kristen Newhall, Anita Creager (a quorum)

ABSENT: Debra Bult, Allyson Doyle, David Yakuboff

REVIEW AND APPROVAL of MINUTES: Not done.

<u>MEMBERSHIP STATUS</u>: Current status: Have full complement of members, but still need 3 alternates.

OLD BUSINESS:

<u>Portraits for Town Hall</u>: This is Priority #1. Status of portraits and frames. Finlay is locating someone to use Photoshop to repair photo of James Mastricola. Kinko is approved for making canvases.

Greeting Cards: Anita. This is Priority #2. Assign photos to be taken by each member and aim for July 4th sales. Have some photos from town and Marc Nozell. Anita will attach list for people to choose subjects to photograph.

<u>Historical Home Plaques</u>. Now Priority #3. Anita and Kristen. Status of plaques distributed. Kristen and Anita will see that signs get erected. Anita is working on next listing. Need new sign for Hilton Home on Tinker Rd. On Registry of Historic Places, but no sign at present. Now have permission to erect one. Anita will order two plaques for this home. Also have permission for sign at 471 DW Highway (Old Nevins Tavern). Made in past, but never erected. Anita will order.

Town Tour Brochures: This is now Priority #4. Lynne/Anita. Anita and Lynne will meet with Robyn to determine action.

Display Case: Anita hopes to change in December. Theme: restaurants

Old King's Highway: Anita. Research continues. Anita to continue searching for documentation. Have more from Eber Currier.

<u>Knights of Columbus Craft Fair.</u> Successful, but had nothing to sell for Heritage Commission. Will have cards for next year. Anita to try to get copies of "Images of America-Merrimack" from Nashua bookstore for resale. Not available as reprints.

<u>Historical Society Volume II.</u> Anita finalizing last chapter. Have two people who will help with editing and one for proofreading. Kristen says she will start doing indexing as Sandy sends her chapters to do. May not need any prepublication

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expenses, and therefore may not need to arrange financing through Heritage Commission.

NEW BUSINESS

<u>Historical Society Fundraising</u>: Have ordered new copies of Volume I of Merrymac's History and expect any time. Finlay is helping find someone to do pen/ink artwork to get new copies of old mugs made. Kristen suggested contacting Debbie at <u>Maps to Treasures</u> as source for a new design. Anita will follow up. New afghans have been ordered and should arrive in January. Still have about 15 plates.

<u>Trail from Wildcat Falls to High School</u>: Being constructed as Eagle Scout project.

<u>Fraser Square</u>: VFW is arranging a new monument honoring veterans from ALL wars to be located in present Fraser Square. Square will be changed with removal of landscaping. Duncan Fraser's monument will remain but be relocated in the square. Duncan Fraser was not the only one from Merrimack who died in WW I. Ferguson also died, and we should consider putting a monument recognizing him as well.

<u>Souhegan River Signage</u>: The Town Center committee plans to historical signs along the Souhegan River. Deborah Huffman has asked Anita's help on content. Our Commission is not in favor of this project, since it will detract from the natural beauty of the river and will encourage people to go onto private land along the way.

ONGOING PROJECTS:

Chamberlain Bridge Sign- 2014.

Dam Plaque and Sign: Erect when walking trail opens

<u>NEXT MEETING</u>: December meeting has been cancelled due to the holidays. Next meeting will be January 27.